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SUBJ: PNG INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS

- 1. HOPE WE WILL SEE YOU AT INDEPENDENCE CELEBRATIONS.
- 2. IF YOU COME WOULD BE VERY HELPFUL IF YOU COULD GIVE US BRIEFING ON SPNFZ. CABLES ALL EMPHASIZE PROBLEMS SPNFZ WOULD CREATE FOR EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS. WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IN SOME DETAIL HOW THE EXISTING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE AFFECTED AND WHY USG THINKS PROBLEM WOULD BE CREATED WHEREAS GOA AND GONZ APPARENTLY DO NOT THINK SO. INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH DFRT HAVE SUGGESTED THAT ANY STATEMENT WE COULD MAKE TO EFFECT THAT USG DOES NOT INTEND TO ENGAGE IN NUCLEAR TESTING IN ATMOSPHERE IN SOUTH PACIFIC WOULD BE VERY WELL RECEIVED HERE. IF USG HAS MADE SUCH STATEMENTS, PLEASE BRING THEM. FURTHER, IF WE HAVE PUBLICLY CRITICIZED FRENCH TESTS, PLEASE ALSO BRING SUCH STATEMENTS.
- 3. WOULD ALSO LIKE BRIEFING ON SOUTH PACIFIC COMMISSION. CONVERSATIONS WITH DFRT INDICATE CONSIDERABLE CHANGES IN COMMISSION WILL BE CONSIDERED AND PERHAPS DECIDED UPON LATER THIS MONTH. WE NEED INFO ON U.S. POSITION.
- 4. PLEASE LET US HAVE YOUR SCHEDULE ASAP SO WE CAN MAKE PLANS FOR POST-INDEPENDENCE DAYS. BELIEVE WE CAN GET YOU ON TRIP TO MANUS WITH U.S. DEL, AND URGE YOU TO GO IF SPACE CONFIDENTIAL

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